

## **REPORT OF THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

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2009 brought about additional requests for assistance with household expenses exclusive of food products from our clients. This past year 43 new applications were received for processing through this department. We also referred applicants to outside agencies. These agencies may include, Alton Community Services Program, Community Action Program, Health and Human Services, and NH Behavioral Health, United Way, and NH Prescription Discount programs, to name a few. Citizens needing information on Fuel Assistance or other state and federal programs should call the Division of Health and Human Services in Laconia at 524-4485.

In addition to Welfare, we administer the William Heidke Trust Fund. This fund provides a care giving service to our eligible senior citizens. If any citizen age 65 or older who has been a resident of Alton for five years, and needs assistance in order to remain in their home, please contact our office at 875-2161 for an application.

If citizens are at least 60 years of age and need help with utilities, prescriptions, and medical related expenses, the Oliver J.M. Gilman Home Fund for the elderly may be able to offer assistance, applications are available in our office.

I appreciate the dedication and various duties performed by our Heidke Fund Caregivers, to assist our clients, their tasks require much work and professionalism.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

Housing.....	\$12,830.00
Food/Prescriptions.....	\$ 6,758.69
Utilities.....	\$ 4,072.58
Other.....	\$ <u>68.31</u>
TOTAL	\$ 23,729.58

Heidke Trust Fund Assistance	
TOTAL	\$16,267.89